

CLAIMS

Please replace the previous listing with the following re-written version:

Claim 1. (Currently Amended) A method for reducing ~~roof membrane damage~~ in a roof membrane from caused by hail/fastener impact comprising:

locating ~~a fasteners~~ in a roof construction;
positioning an energy absorbing material to discretely cover over each individual fastener
of said fasteners whereby said fastener is completely covered by said material; and
affixing said material to said fastener.

Claim 2. (Original) A method for reducing roof membrane damage from hail/fastener contact as claimed in Claim 1 wherein said affixing is by adhering.

Claim 3. (Original) A method for reducing roof membrane damage from hail/fastener contact as claimed in Claim 2 wherein said adhering is by a self stick adhesive applied to said energy absorbing material.

Claim 4. (Currently Amended) A roof system with reduced hail/fastener impact damage characteristics comprising:
a roof substrate having one or more layers of material;
at least one fastener exposed at a top surface of said substrate;
a dedicated energy absorbing material positioned ~~over~~ to discretely cover each individual fastener of said at least one fasteners; and
a roof waterproofing membrane positioned atop all foregoing elements.

Claim 5. (Original) A roof system with reduced hail/fastener impact damage characteristics as claimed in Claim 4 wherein said one or more layers of material includes insulation.

Claim 6. (Original) A roof system with reduced hail/fastener impact damage characteristics as claimed in Claim 4 wherein said energy absorbing material is cover tape.

Claim 7. (Currently Amended) A roof system with reduced hail/fastener impact damage characteristics as claimed in claim 4 wherein said energy absorbing material is a self-sticking cover tape composed of cured ethylene propylene diene monomer (EPDM) membrane with a butyl gum rubber bottom.

Claim 8. (Original) A roof system with reduced hail/fastener impact damage characteristics as claimed in Claim 6 wherein said cover tape is ethylene propylene diene monomer.

Claim 9. (Original) A roof system with reduced hail/fastener impact damage characteristics as claimed in Claim 6 wherein said cover tape is self-adhesive tape.

Claim 10. A roof system with reduced hail/fastener impact damage characteristics as claimed in Claim 4 wherein said energy absorbing material is two layers.

Claim 11. (Original) A roof system with reduced hail/fastener impact damage characteristics as claimed in Claim 10 wherein said two layers comprise a first layer covering a fastener and a second layer covering the first layer and a washer of the fastener.

Claim 12. (Currently Amended) A method for reducing roof membrane damage from hail/fastener contact as claimed in Claim 1 wherein said energy absorbing material is installed on top of the roofing membrane in ~~the~~ an area directly over and underlying fastener.

Claim 13. (Original) A roof system with reduced hail/fastener impact damage characteristics comprising:

- a roof substrate having one or more layers of material;
- at least one fastener exposed at a top surface of said substrate;
- a roof waterproofing membrane positioned over said at least one fastener; and
- a dedicated energy absorbing material positioned atop all foregoing elements.

Claim 14 (New) A roof system with reduced hail/fastener impact damage characteristics as claimed in Claim 4 wherein at least one layer of said energy absorbing material is dimensioned to only cover a fastener head of said at least one fastener.